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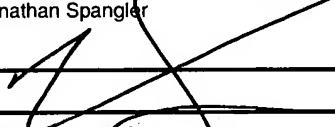
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		Filing Date	January 16, 2004
		First Named Inventor	Patrick Miles
		Art Unit	3764
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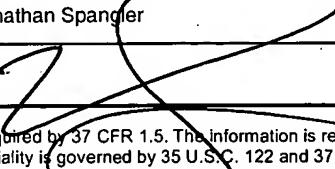
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Date	July 21, 2004

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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ 120.00)

**Complete if Known**

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**METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)**
 Check  Credit card  Money Order  Other  None
 Deposit Account:

Deposit Account  
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502040  
NuVasive, Inc.

The Director is authorized to: (check all that apply)

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**Fee Calculation****1. BASIC FILING FEE**

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001 770	2001 385	Utility filing fee	
1002 340	2002 170	Design filing fee	
1003 530	2003 265	Plant filing fee	
1004 770	2004 385	Reissue filing fee	
1005 160	2005 80	Provisional filing fee	
<b>SUBTOTAL (1)</b>		<b>(\$)</b>	

**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE**

Total Claims	-20** =	X	=	Extra Claims from below	Fee Paid
Independent Claims	- 3** =	X	=		
Multiple Dependent					

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description
1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 86	2201 43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 290	2203 145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 86	2204 43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
<b>SUBTOTAL (2)</b>		<b>(\$)</b>

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**3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051 130	2051 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	65
1052 50	2052 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	55
1252 420	2252 210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253 950	2253 475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,480	2254 740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 2,010	2255 1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 330	2401 165	Notice of Appeal	
1402 330	2402 165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 290	2403 145	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,330	2453 665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,330	2501 665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502 480	2502 240	Design issue fee	
1503 640	2503 320	Plant issue fee	
1460 130	1460 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807 50	1807 50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806 180	1806 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021 40	8021 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809 770	2809 385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810 770	2810 385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801 770	2801 385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802 900	1802 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

\*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

**SUBTOTAL (3)** (\$ 120.00)**SUBMITTED BY**

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Signature				Date	July 21, 2004

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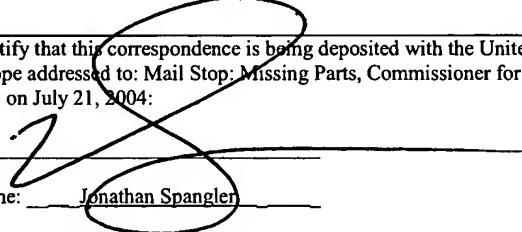
PATENT  
Application Serial No. 10/759,811  
Attorney Ref. No. 039US1

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re: Patent Application of )  
Patrick Miles, et al. )  
App. Ser. No. 10/759,811 ) Group Art Unit: 3764  
Filed: January 16, 2004 ) Examiner: To be determined  
For: SURGICAL ACCESS SYSTEM )  
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Dear Sir or Madam:

In response to a Notice to File Missing Parts mailed on April 23, 2004, having a two-month period for response that expired June 23, 2004, the applicant respectfully submits the following:

- (A) A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts (2 pages);
- (B) A signed declaration by the inventor(s) as required by the Notice (~~5~~<sup>4</sup> pages);
- (C) An executed Power of Attorney on behalf of deceased inventor's estate (1 page);
- (D) An executed Assignment on behalf of deceased inventor's estate (1 page);
- (E) Petition for an extension of time for one (1) month (1 page & 1 copy);
- (F) Fee transmittal authorizing payment of \$65.00 fee for the late filed declaration; and  
\$55.00 fee for the extension of time, for a total of \$120.00.

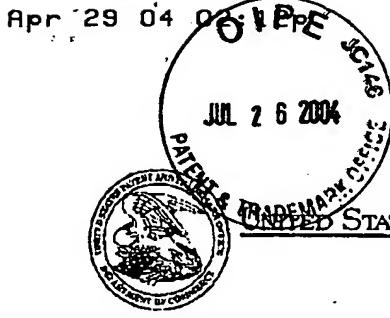
Furthermore, no other fees are deemed necessary at this time. However, in the event that there are any additional fees to be charged or payments to be credited, the applicant hereby request that any charges or credits be made to Deposit Account No.: 502040 for Customer No.: 30328. In the event that there are any questions concerning the remarks above or the application in general, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney so that prosecution may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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## FORMALITIES LETTER



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Date Mailed: 04/23/2004

## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is \$65 for a Small Entity

- \$65 Late oath or declaration Surcharge. 07/27/2004 RHEBRAHT 00000035 502040 10759811

Items Required To Avoid Processing Delays: 02 FC:2051 65.00 DA

The item(s) indicated below are also required and should be submitted with any reply to this notice to avoid processing delays.

- A new oath or declaration, identifying this application number is required. The oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.63 in that it:
- does not identify the residence (e.g., city and either state or foreign country) of each inventor.
- Proof of authority of the legal representative under 37 CFR 1.44.

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